MENTAL CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FLOW CHART

Wakefield
Parent Carer Forum

A decision needs to be made - 16/17 year old

Does the Young Person have an impairment?

Yes - continue with capacity assessment	No - has capacity (assume capacity)

It needs to be very clear what the decision is that needs to be made and then what information the young person needs to know to make this specific decision.

With all the possible help, is the person able to...

Understand the informaiton relevant to the decision?	Retain the informaiton relevant to the decision?	Weigh up the informaiton and options relevant to the decision?	Communicate their decision, by any means?

If the answer to one of the above is no - the young person lacks capacity.

A best interest decision is made on their behalf.